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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/761,331
	Filing Date	January 16, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Hughes et al.
	Group Art Unit	1771
	Examiner Name	Vo, Hai
	Attorney Docket No.	D-2924

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 10/21/2003 JADD01 00000047 09761331

ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:2801 385.00 OP

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) (\$740.00)

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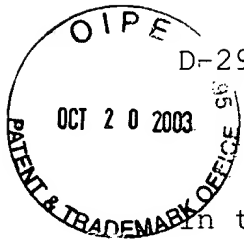
iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 385.00 and 210.00 Enclosed for RCE fee and Extension of Time

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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RESPONSE D ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.